



HOLY ROSARY PARISH

PRIORY OF THE DOMINICAN FRIARS

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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil
 8:00 a.m.
 9:30 a.m. Latin
 11:00 a.m.
 12:30 p.m.
 3:15 p.m. Vietnamese
 5:00 p.m.
 6:30 p.m. Vietnamese

TIME OUT ROOM

Available in the Parish Center during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

12:05 p.m.
 5:15 p.m.

ROSARY

4:50 p.m. Monday – Friday
 4:40 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday – 12:45-5:00 p.m.
 Benediction 5:05 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Please call Parish Office at ext. 101 for arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
 Weekdays twenty minutes before Mass

MARRIAGES

Please call Wedding Coordinator at ext. 110 at least eight months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call Parish Office for the sick who are at home or in the hospital.

PRIESTS ON STAFF

Fr. Ian Bordenave, O.P. Ext. 107
Pastor
 Fr. Isidore Vicente, O.P. Ext. 104
Parochial Vicar
 Fr. Juan Torres, O.P. Ext. 103
Parochial Vicar
 Fr. Anthony Hung Tran, O.P.
Chaplain to the Vietnamese Community

IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Arthur R. Kirwin, O.P., *Prior*
 Fr. Victor Brown, O.P., *Pastor Emeritus*
 Fr. Joseph Konkel, O.P., *Pastor Emeritus*
 Fr. François Pouliot, O.P.
 Priory Phone 713-526-6322

PARISH OFFICE

3617 Milam Street, Suite 100

Office Hours:
 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Monday – Friday

Extensions:
 101 Parish Secretary
 105 Director of Music
 108 Parish Bookkeeper
 109 Special Projects Secretary

E-mail:
office@holyrosaryparish.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER

3535 Louisiana Street
 713-526-4389
 Contact: Marisa Mendoza, D.R.E.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please contact the parish office if you wish to register, if your contact information has changed, or if you wish to remove your registration.

A Message from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

At the beginning of each new year, people of good will hope that the coming year may bring peace to them and the rest of the world. Even if circumstances in the world do not hold much promise for peace, this does not nevertheless keep people from hoping for peace. While achieving peace in the world is a seemingly elusive goal, it is not an impossible one. Pope Paul VI famously said in his message for the 1972 Day of Peace, "If you want peace, work for justice." Why is this? Because so much unrest and violence in the world stems from injustice, whether it be imagined or real. Admittedly, one could have a hard time trying to vanquish an imagined injustice. Still, using reason to engage those who feel violated as well as showing respect for them should help to calm the situation. As for a real injustice, this too requires a valiant and sustained effort to right the wrongs in the world like the killing of innocent people including the unborn, the lack of food, water, shelter, education, and health care being made available to the world's indigent populations, the lack of political freedom, the denial of religious freedom, and the disregard of workers' rights. As I said, trying to end injustice in the world often takes an enormous amount of work. However, to pretend that injustice in the world will not affect us is to continue to be greeted with news of violence erupting in the world—violence that one day may claim our life and/or our loved ones' lives. The Lord says to us in St. Matthew's Gospel: "You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:13a, 14a). As we begin a new year, let us recommit ourselves to being the salt of the earth and the light of the world through our exemplary Christian conduct. Let us be part of the reason why this new year will be happy.

Today and next Sunday, I am having reprinted for your reflection Pope Paul VI's message for the 1972 Day of Peace. You can find it on the back cover of the bulletin. Happy New Year!

—Fr. Ian

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: *Mary Katharine McMillan, Dorothy Daley, Mary Willoughby, Brian Geaslin Sr., Catherine Gilvary, Kirk Wheeler, Peter Kirwin, Marvin Kurtzman, Gloria Stephen, Jean Ried, Virginia Navarro, Fr. Austin Green, O.P., Brian Benson, Fr. Bruce Noble, Fr. David Noble, and Bob Reeder.*

PRAYER LIST OF THE SICK: Being a prayerful community, we are eager to pray for all who are ill. If you wish to have prayers for yourself or a loved one added to the parish prayer list of the sick in the bulletin, please call the parish office, 713-529-4854, at either ext. 101 or 109. At every Eucharist, the Church prays for all who are in need, whether mentioned by name or not.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 4, in celebration of the new year.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Parishioners have the opportunity to donate altar flowers on most Sundays of the year, except for Lent when flowers are not placed on the altar. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Nelly Abdo at 281-242-7401 or at nelly_abdo@yahoo.com. The cost for two floral arrangements is \$130. You can place flowers on the altar on the occasions of anniversaries, birthdays, in memoriam, or the like.

THE LAY DOMINICANS OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a holy and healthy New Year. As usual, the Dominican laity will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, in the Religious Education Center. The laity gladly welcomes inquirers. For more information, please call Wayne Andrews at 281-391-9610.

COFFEE AFTER MASS will be served today, January 3, in the Parish Hall, Room 200. All are welcome.

WHAT'S COOKING, January 6: Red beans and rice, salad, bread pudding, tea, and coffee. Wednesday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall, Room 200. As a reminder, the lunches are \$4, and there are no take-outs. Please do not submit bills larger than \$10. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes resume today, January 3. The King of the Universe is wrapped in swaddling clothes. Come let us adore Him! The students and catechists of Holy Rosary Religious Education wish all a very Mary ChristMass and a Blessed and Peaceful New Year!

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: Make it your New Year's resolution to pray the Rosary with your family and friends! Join the Beltons and Fr. Juan Torres on Friday, January 15, at 7 p.m. at Tim and Elisabeth Belton's home, 5418 Braeburn Drive, Bellaire, TX 77401. Please bring cookies or a dessert to share. Please let Elisabeth Belton know if you will be attending the Rosary and/or your special intentions. Email: elisbelton@att.net. Ph. 713-665-1563. The Beltons plan to host a monthly family Rosary Night.

2010 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR REGISTERED

PARISHIONERS: If you have not pick up your contribution envelopes, please pick them up *soon* in the parish office, suite 100, on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and in the Parish Hall, Room 200, on Sundays. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. If you are unable to find your box of envelopes, please add your name, address, and phone number to the sheet on the envelope table, and the office will contact you. Thank you.

THE FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD: The Church will celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord next Sunday, January 10. This feast will conclude the Christmas season. The Church recalls this second manifestation or epiphany of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan River. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify the waters and to give them the power to make us new children of God through the sacrament of Baptism. The feast will be an excellent day to renew one's baptismal promises.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 4 – Reading I (Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16), Psalm – 128, Gospel (Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25)

Tuesday, January 5 – Reading I (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23), Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, Gospel (Mark 6:34-44)

Wednesday, January 6 – Reading I (1 John 4:11-18), Psalm – 71:1-2, 10, 12-13, Gospel (Mark 6:45-52)

Thursday, January 7 – Reading I (1 John 4:19-5:4), Psalm – 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17, Gospel (Luke 4:14-22a)

Friday, January 8 – Reading I (1 John 5:5-13), Psalm – 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Gospel (Luke 5:12-16)

Saturday, January 9 – Reading I (1 John 5:14-21), Psalm – 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b, Gospel (John 3:22-30)

LOST AND FOUND: Missing a prayer book, a rosary, an umbrella, or something else that you believe you may have left in the church or elsewhere at the parish? Please contact the parish office to see if we may have your missing item.

PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Holy Rosary Parish will mail 2009 parishioner contribution statements to registered parishioners' homes by the end of January 2010.

THE 21st ANNUAL SOUTHERN DOMINICAN GALA will take place on Thursday, May 6, 2010. The gala committee invites everyone to participate in the gala by becoming an underwriter, a table sponsor, or an auction donor and/or by purchasing gala tickets. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and a silent auction (including a wine auction). This year the gala will present the St. Martin de Porres Award to the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) or the Port Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. For more information about the gala, please contact Carole Kelley at 713-529-4854, ext. 109, or at ckelley@holynosaryparish.org. The gala proceeds will go to support the Southern Dominican Province, including the Dominican friars of Holy Rosary Priory. Gifts to the gala are tax deductible.

THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER wishes everyone a very blessed Christmas! Its December meeting was a social gathering honoring St. Francis' commencement of the Nativity scene tradition. The order will hold its next monthly meeting at Holy Rosary Parish in the Religious Education Center, which is located at 3535 Louisiana Street, which is across the street from the church, on Sunday, January 24, after the 11 a.m. Mass. Please call Lore Payne at 713-254-4405 for more information. Peace and all good.

FATHER IAN will be on vacation at his parents' home in Valparaiso, Florida, from January 8-16.

Collections for December 27, 2009

First Collection	\$14,843.42
176 Envelopes Submitted Out of 936 Households; Percentage 19%	
2009-10 First Collections YTD (7/1/09-6/30/10)	\$424,284.46
2009-10 Fiscal Budget YTD	\$425,100.00
Difference	\$815.54
Christmas Offerings	\$28,906.66
Candle Offerings	\$248.41

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of January 3, 2009

Sunday

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

9:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Fr. James Burke, O.P. †

12:30 p.m. Alfredo Gonzalvo †

5:00 p.m. Margaret & Adolph Pfeffer †

Monday

12:05 p.m. Quyen Family

5:15 p.m. W. Lamar Doyle †

Tuesday

12:05 p.m. John Pereira †

5:15 p.m. Anne Kusnerik †

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Ellen Jacques †

5:15 p.m. Fr. Austin Green, O.P.

Thursday

12:05 p.m. For Our Relatives & Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m. Maria Santos Fernandez †

Friday

12:05 a.m. Jimmie St. Julian †

5:15 p.m. Mary Quilter †

Saturday

12:05 p.m. Michael & Elsa Bua

5:00 p.m. Fr. Richard Castro, MC

† Mass said for the repose of the soul.

CATHOLIC DAILY MESSAGE

713-529-4449

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI

FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 1972

IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE

Men of thought!
Men of action!
All mankind living in 1972!
Accept once more
our invitation to celebrate
the Day of Peace!

We take up again our reflection on Peace, for of Peace we have the loftiest conception: that of an essential and fundamental good of mankind in this world, that is, of civilization, progress, order and brotherhood. We believe that the idea of Peace still is, and still must be, dominant in human affairs, and that it becomes all the more urgent whenever and wherever it is contradicted by opposite ideas or deeds. It is a necessary idea, an imperative idea, an inspiring idea. It polarizes human aspirations, endeavours and hopes. Its nature is that of an aim, and as such it is at the base and at the goal of our activities, be they individual or collective.

For that reason we think it extremely important to have an exact idea of Peace and to divest it of the false concepts which too often surround and thus deform and distort it. We say this to the young first of all. Peace is not a stagnant condition of life which finds in it at the same time both its perfection and its death. Life is movement, growth, work, effort and conquest, things such as these. Is that what Peace is like? Yes, for the very reason that it coincides with the supreme good of man as he makes his way through time, and this good is never attained totally, but is always being newly and inexhaustibly acquired. Peace is thus the central idea giving its driving force to the most active enthusiasm.

But this is not to say that Peace coincides with force. This we say especially to men in posts of responsibility. Since it is their interest and their duty to see that relations be normal between the members of a given group - a family, a school, a firm, a community, a social class, a city, a state - their constant temptation is to impose by the use of force such normal relations as bear the appearance of Peace. The ambiguous character of the social life which follows is torture and corruption for human spirits. A life of pretence is the atmosphere resulting sometimes from an inglorious victory, at other times from an irrational despotism, from a coercive repression, or from a balance of permanently opposing forces which are usually on the increase as they wait for a violent outburst which by devastation of every sort shows how false was the Peace imposed only by superiority of power and force. Peace is not treachery (Cf. *Job* 15:21). Peace is not a lie made into a system (Cf. *Jer* 6:14). Much less is it pitiless totalitarian tyranny. Nor is it, in any way, violence: though at least violence does not dare to appropriate to itself the noble name of Peace.

It is difficult, but essential, to form a genuine idea of Peace. It is difficult for one who closes his eyes to his innate intuition of it, which tells him that Peace is something very human. This is the right way to come to the genuine discovery of Peace: if we look for its true source, we find that it is rooted in a sincere feeling for man. A Peace that is not the result of true respect for man is not true Peace. And what do we call this sincere feeling for man? We call it Justice.

But is not Justice also an immobile goddess? Yes, it is so in the expressions of it which we call rights and duties, and which we arrange in our illustrious codes, that is, in laws and pacts which produce that stability of social, cultural and economic relationships which cannot be infringed. It is order, it is Peace. But if Justice, that is, what it is and what it should be, were to produce finer expressions beyond those now existing, what would happen?

To be continued in next Sunday's bulletin.